



NYPDL 2023 March Parliamentary Debate Invitational

Dear Parliamentary Debate Leader,

On behalf of the New York Parliamentary Debate League, we invite you and your debate team to the New York Parliamentary Debate League January Invitational on **March 11th and 12th, 2023**. The tournament will be hosted **in-person** at **Friends Seminary** in Manhattan, New York City. Per usual, please set up a free Tabroom account at [this link](#) before registering, as this tournament will be run on Tabroom. **You can register for this tournament through [Tabroom](#).**

Please visit our [schedule page](#) for links to each tournament's Tabroom page and information regarding the in-person/online status of future tournaments.

You can access the tournament live doc [here](#), where motions, schedule updates, etc. will be posted throughout the tournament.

The New York Parliamentary Debate League was founded in 2016 as a student-run organization dedicated to fostering open and respectful discourse concerning modern day issues in the Parliamentary Debate style. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Registration

Registration will be done through [Tabroom](#). Both team and judge registration is due **March 7th, 2023 at 4pm**.

Please also note that until Tuesday, February 28th we will be enforcing a cap of **5 entries per school**. Depending on numbers, it is likely that we remove the cap 10 days prior to the tournament (Tuesday, February 28th) and leave registration open until the field hits tournament capacity.

In-Person

We're excited to be back in-person for our March Invitational! Below you can find a few pieces of in-person tournament specific information...

- The tournament will be hosted at **Friends Seminary** in New York City.
 - We recommend taking public transportation (green 4/5/6 or yellow N/Q/R/W lines to Union Square station or gray L line to 14th street station on 3rd ave)
 - If you are driving, expect difficulty finding parking and allocate sufficient time for that.
 - School policy states that every school who attends the tournament **must be accompanied by at least one responsible adult/chaperone.**
 - **Lunch (pizza) will be provided.**
 - If the registration fees (intended to cover solely trophies) are for any reason financially infeasible for your school or for your team, reach out to us! **The NYPDL will provide financial support.**
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Covid information:

In light of a recent uptick in COVID, flu, and RSV cases, the DOE and the NYPDL recommend masking indoors.

Everybody visiting the building is required to bring proof of vaccination (a picture of a vaccination card suffices).

If you are feeling sick in the lead up to the tournament, please test yourself! We're relying on an honor system to ensure the health and safety of all participants.

If your debate partner or a judge from your school tests positive before the tournament, and you need help finding a replacement, feel free to reach out to us. We are happy to help!

Schedule

All times listed below are in Eastern Standard Time.

Pre-Round Schedule

- Debaters, coaches, and judges should arrive at **8am** for registration. Registration will run until **8:30am**.
- General Assembly will be held from **8:30am to 8:45am**.
- Judge training will take place from **8:45am to 9:15am**.
 - There will be an additional judge training during lunch for judges who were unable to attend the morning session or are only judging afternoon rounds.
- Round 1 pairings and motions will be released at **9am**. Debaters will then head to their assigned rooms and begin prep while judges finish judge training and navigate to their rooms.

Round Schedule

9:00am - 10:45am: Round 1
 11:00am - 12:45pm: Round 2
 12:45pm - 1:45pm: Lunch
 1:45pm - 3:30pm: Round 3
 3:45pm - 5:30pm: Round 4
 5:45pm - 7:30pm: Round 5
 8:00pm - 8:30pm: Award Ceremony

Sunday (ALL ELIMS ONLINE)

8:30AM - 9:00AM: Check-In and GA
 9:15am - 10:45am: Varsity Octofinals/Novice Semifinals
 11am - 12:30pm: Varsity Quarterfinals/Novice Final
 12:30pm - 1:15pm: Lunch
 1:15pm - 2:00pm: Varsity Semifinals
 2:00pm - 4:00pm: Varsity Finals

Judging Obligations

Each team is required to bring one judge for every two teams, rounded unfavorably — if you are bringing three teams, you must bring two judges.

Note: if you are splitting up a single judge role amongst multiple people, you need to have judges present for every round. That means if you have two teams attending a

*tournament, you need to have judge coverage for 10 rounds. **Given in-person logistics, we are requiring that any given judge must judge at least 2 rounds.***

Judges must be present for all preliminary rounds and the round after their last team has been eliminated from the break. While experienced judges are preferred, judge training is required regardless.

If you are unable to meet the judging requirement, we reserve the right to break up an entry into two judges and/or drop teams from your school. At this tournament, we will be dropping teams who do not supply a sufficient number of judges.

If your judges do not attend judge training, your debaters will not be able to compete.

A judge must be either a) a high school sophomore or older, or b) a high school freshman who has attended at least two high school debate tournaments.

Break and Divisions

This tournament will feature **one open division**. Varsity and novice teams will debate each other in prelim rounds. Power pairing will start after Round 1. **We will break separately to varsity and novice divisions -- most likely varsity octofinals and novice semifinals.** Depending on registration size and time, we may adjust breaks.

Novice Definition

To be a novice, an individual must satisfy both of these conditions:

1. Be a freshman or a sophomore.
2. Be in their first year of high school debate.

Team Composition

We encourage teams to consist of two debaters from the same school. However, we allow debaters to compete alone or compete with a debater from another school.

Rules

This tournament will be held in the format established by the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA). We will release three resolutions 15 minutes prior to the start of each round. The resolution and side will be determined by coin toss. For more information about Parliamentary rules please visit our [Resources page](#), where you can find [informational YouTube videos](#), the [Vassar style guide](#), our [Rules FAQs](#) document, and more. If you would like to have a Zoom meeting with a member of the NYPDFL board for more in-depth training or an overview of the league and our debate format, please email us at nyparli@gmail.com.

Fees and Dropped Entries

We reserve the right to cap the entries of schools who drop entries two days before the tournament.

NYPDFL Points

This tournament will count for NYPDFL and NPDL (National Parliamentary Debate League) points. Please visit our [website](#) for more information about NYPDFL points, the NPDL Tournament of Champions, and the NYPDFL championship.

Management

The Executive Board of the NYPDFL will lead this tournament. You can read more about the league's leadership [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you all there!

And if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to email molly.bordoff23@trinityschoolnyc.org or nyparli@gmail.com.